

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT worked around the clock during the recent winter storms to clear roads of ice, snow and trees and detour traffic while utility companies made repairs to downed power lines. In addition to giving road conditions, MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at modot.org pinpoints utility damage closings on state routes. The information includes the exact time the incident was reported and how long the closure is expected to last.

Here's another winter weather reminder: traffic signals without power should be treated as four-way stops. You should stop when approaching an intersection, then proceed through in the order you arrived.

It's the holiday season – a time to eat, drink and be merry. But if you plan to drive, don't drink. Last year, someone died or was injured in an alcohol-related traffic crash every 1.6 hours. Instead choose a designated driver, take the bus or a cab, or spend the night if you can. And always wear your safety belt - it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to visit modot.org every Tuesday for new information.